in South Delhi near Nehru Place, in the 3rd week of April, 1986 ; if so, the number thereof ?

(b) whether the successful bidders have been given possession of the plots ;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ;

(d) by when the plots are likely to be handed over to the successful bidders ; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against the officers responsible for this delay ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :(a) Yes, Sir. 17 plots were auctioned in South Delhi (Kalkaji Road) on 28th & 29th April, 1986.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) On account of the stay order from the Court of the Senior Sub-Judge, Delhi.

(d) The possession of plots will be given after the stay order is vacated.

(e) Question does not arise.

*230. [*Transferred to the 7th August, 1986.*]

Price of Ginger

*231. SHRI K. GOPALAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what had been the market price of ginger in the country during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fall in the price of ginger this year and what are the reasons for the same ;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to arrest further fall in the price of ginger ; and

(d) whether Government propose to enter the market and purchase ginger to check any further fall in the price, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON) : (a) Annual average price of ginger in selected centers during the last three years was as under :—

(*Rs. per quintol*)

Selected Centres	1983	1984	1985
1. Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad Barik I)	573	555	301
2. Kerala (Cochin Unbleached)	2558	3025	1571
3. Maharashtra (Bombay Dry Bleached)	2929	3817	2100
4. West Bengal (Calcutta Green Assam)	538	485	277

(b) The Government of Mizoram reported fall in price of ginger in 1986 at Aizawal mainly due to decline in the price of ginger due to increase in production. A report to this effect has also been received from West Bengal.

(c) & (d) As a measure to ensure reasonable price to ginger growers, Central Government has approved the Mizoram Government's proposal for market intervention operation to be carried out by the State Government through Mizoram Cooperative Marketing Federation. West Bengal Government has also announced a price intervention scheme for the benefit of ginger growers.

Cauvery River Projects

*232. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI K. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the projects of the Cauvery river and its tributaries which are pending clearance from the Central Government on account of the non-settlement of the water dispute among the concerned States; and

(b) what is the year in which the plan report in respect of each project was submitted and also what action has been taken on each report ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the house [*see* Appendix (XXXIX Annexure no. 62]

Losses of Public Sector Fertilizer Plants

*233. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the public sector fertilizer plants in the country have shown huge losses during 1985-86; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps contemplated by Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILON) : (a) No Sir; of the Public Sector Undertakings under this Department, only three namely, Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) and Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL) incurred losses of Rs. 128·60 crores Rs. 72.70 crores and Rs. 5.35 crores respectively, during 1985-86. The other undertakings earned profit during the year. The losses of FC were due to unforeseen accidents in the Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher plants. HFC's plants suffered loss of production because of equipment and power problems. As regard MFL, this Company has been constantly earning profits prior to 1984-85. However, during 1985-86 there was production shortfall due to equipment problems, problems of contract labour and high inventory cost because of low off-take of fertilizers due to adverse wheather conditions.

(b) This Department reviews the performance of the under takings regularly and corrective measures, where necessary, are taken.